U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE **FORM PTO-1390** ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. (REV 2-2005) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 12065-0035 OMB-0651-0021 DATE: February 7, 2006 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLN. NO. **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/555,638 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED May 7, 2004 May 8, 2003 PCT/JP2004/006481 TITLE OF INVENTION: MAGNETIC POWDER, A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING THE MAGNETIC POWDER AND A METHOD OF SURFACE TREATING A MAGNETIC POWDER (AS AMENDED) APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: KIMITAKA SATO Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: ☐ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED) This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31). 4. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] 5. a.
is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a.

 is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). b. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] a. 🔲 are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]. [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. Items 11 - 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20.

Other items or information: PTO FORM 1449, 2 References

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants respectfully submit that this disclosure is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), therefore, no fee is required.

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